



REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 3, 2001 has been reviewed and carefully considered.

Initially, Applicants note with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that Claims 13-29 and 31-34 are allowed, and that Claims 5, 9, and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-34 are now pending in this application. A separate sheet is attached showing the amendments to the claim in underline/bracket format.

Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tortola et al. (hereinafter "Tortola"). Claims 3 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tortola.

Claim 1 has been amended to now recite, inter alia, "a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; and a reflective surface disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen". In contrast, Tortola discloses "light bulbs are placed on either side directly behind the reflective side panels, generally on opposing sides, to provide reflected light onto the computer video screen" (Tortola, col. 3, lines 27-30; see also, Tortola, col. 6, lines 28-33, "light bulbs ... positioned on either side and behind slightly raised opposing side panels 48 (see FIG. 15)

placed in front of four light-colored, square side panels 36 which define the open space 46 which mimic the LSD view screen 24 ... to provide indirect, reflective light onto the open space"). Thus, while the reflective surface of Claim 1 receives light from the light source disposed at an OPPOSING side of the frame, each of the side panels of Tortola (typically opposing panels) reflect light provided from a light bulb placed on the SAME SIDE of the corresponding side panel. Moreover, while Tortola places the light bulbs BEHIND corresponding side panels to reflect light, Applicants' invention as claimed in Claim 1 places the light source IN FRONT OF the reflective surface to reflect light onto the video screen. Accordingly, Tortola teaches away from the invention of Claim 1. As noted in Applicants disclosure, the invention of Tortola results in "hot spots" and dark spots, problems that are addressed and corrected by Applicants' claimed invention as claimed in Claim 1 (see Applicants' specification, p. 3, line 21 to p. 4, line 21). The differences in approach between the invention of Claim 1 and that of Tortola are clearly evident upon an inspection of FIG. 15 of Tortola and Applicants' FIGs. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, and 12.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12 depend from Claim 1 or a claim which itself is dependent from Claim 1 and, thus, contain all the limitations of Claim 1. Accordingly, Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12 are patentably distinct over the cited reference in at least the same manner as described above for Claim 1. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

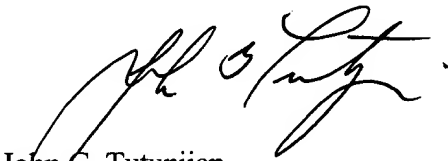
In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims set forth in the Office Action of October 3, 2001 be withdrawn,

that pending claims 1-34 be allowed in their entirety, and that the case proceed to early issuance of Letters Patent in due course.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due.

However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-1433.

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Claim Amendments

--1. (Twice Amended) A light assembly for use in enhancing the view of a video screen of a compact computer device, the light assembly comprising:

a frame having a frame opening adapted to be positioned over the video screen;

a light source disposed at a side of said frame for projecting light toward an opposing side of said frame; and

a reflective surface [positioned to reflect light received] disposed at said opposing side and adapted to receive and reflect light from said light source toward the video screen.--